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St. Louis County COVID-19 Update

As announced by Dr. Page this morning, key decisions throughout this pandemic were decided by data, discussions with experts and stakeholders, community reaction and monitoring best practices of other communities.

Due to consistent hard work and community effort, conditions in St. Louis County have stabilized enough for the county to **ease** some restrictions on youth sports and businesses.

St. Louis County Youth Sports

The Department of Public Health has been working diligently with area athletic directors and other stakeholders in youth sports to build plans that allow high-contact sports over the age of 14 and reduce the risks of transmission in these higher risk activities.

Current recommendations now allow each high contact sport that wants to return to high-contact sports to submit a safety plan to the Department of Public Health for review. These plans **MUST** include the same screening, quarantine and isolation requirements required for all youth sports activities and must specify how spectators will be managed, including a pledge that of cooperation with contact tracing efforts. Failure to comply with an approved plan would result in suspension of activity. DPH will begin accepting plans for games in high-contact high school and youth sports immediately. The plans can be submitted at Business-COVID@stlouisco.com.

St. Louis County School Update

In an effort to continue to support County schools in protecting students and staff, St. Louis County Department of Public Health has allocated \$3 million to match funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for reimbursement for PPE expenses made between March 13 and Oct. 30. Schools will have a funding cap based on the number of students in their districts; each cap was calculated at a rate of \$20.96 per student and faculty in their district. The application can be found on stlcorona.com under Assistance and Resources.

St. Louis County Businesses

In addition to the changes to youth sports and schools, the maximum occupancy of all businesses in the county has been lifted from 25 percent to 50 percent of capacity as defined by the fire code. We will also allow self-service drink and food stations in restaurants and convenience stores, with control on limits and proper precautions. It is critical that both employers and employees remain vigilant in practicing personal protective measures to ensure the safety of the community. This includes wearing face masks, practicing social distancing and washing hands. This change will go into effect at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. All guidelines and

recommendations by industry are still in effect and should be followed in order to continue to operate as safely as possible.

Details regarding all of these updated guidelines can found online [here](#).

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